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GOV. EASLEY CALLS FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11 VICTIMS
Orders flags at state offices to be lowered Saturday to half-staff

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today asked North Carolinians to pay tribute to the victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on America by observing a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. on Saturday, the third anniversary of that fateful event.

The governor has also directed state offices to lower flags to half-staff on Saturday.

“Three years ago, our lives changed forever in the flash of a moment,” Easley said. “Thousands of our fellow citizens were injured and killed in these brutal attacks, and our country and our world will never be the same. Through the destruction and tragedy of it all, we have become a stronger people and have pulled together as a nation. We need to remember this immense loss and the courage and sacrifice that were made that fateful day.”

The first airplane, American Airlines flight 11, crashed into the World Trade Center in New York at 8:46 a.m., Sept. 11, 2001.

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